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PRAVDA ON JANUARY 30 CARRIED ACCOUNT OF PRAGUE PRESS
CONFERENCE GIVEN ON PREVIOUS DAY BY CZECHOSLOVAK SPY PAVEL
MINARIK. PRAVDA ACCOUNT LABELS JULIUS FIRT (PROBABLY FUERTH)
AS CIA AGENT ACTIVE IN VIENNA IN 1968; HE IS THE ONLY PERSON SO
DESCRIBED. THREE OTHER PERSONS ARE MENTIONED BUT NOT LABELED
CIA AGENTS: YA. PEHACEK, QUONDAM DIRECTOR OF CZECHOSLOVAK SECTION
OF RFE; S. MIKLESON, TERMED NEW CHAIRMAN OF RFE/FL; DAVID
ABSHIRE, BIB PRESIDENT.

MINARIK STATED IN PRAVDA ACCOUNT THAT CIA AGENTS WHO WORKED IN
THE STATIONS REMAIN THERE EVEN NOW. HE ALSO ASSERTED THAT 60
PERCENT OF THE AMERICAN PERSONNEL ARE STAFF OR NONSTAFF AGENTS
OF THE CIA OR G-2.

MINARIK STORY APPEARED ALSO IN JANUARY 29 EVENING
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EDITION OF IZVESTIYA. JULIUS FIRT IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN

RECRUITED BY CIA (SIC) IN 1943 AND TO HAVE FLED CZECHOSLOVAKIA
AFTER FEBRUARY 1948 COUP. THREE PERSONS ARE LABELED CIA OFFICIALS:
RICHARD COOK, BROADCASTING DIRECTOR WHO WAS TRANSFERRED TO
MUNICH FROM THE RESEARCH DIVISION OF CIA; HANS FISCHER,
CHIEF OF PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION, WHO BEGAN CIA WORK IN
1947; COL. RUSSEL POOL (PHONETIC) OF AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE
SERVICE.
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